

To Know Him By Name Season 2:

The Beauty of Boundaries



Scripture

- **Genesis 18:1-14**

Now the Lord appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, while he was sitting at the tent door in the heat of the day. When he lifted up his eyes and looked, behold, three men were standing opposite him; and when he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth, and said, "My lord, if now I have found favor in your sight, please do not pass your servant by. Please let a little water be brought and wash your feet and rest yourselves under the tree; and I will bring a piece of bread, that you may refresh yourselves; after that you may go on, since you have visited your servant." And they said, "So do, as you have said." So, Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Quickly, prepare three measures of fine flour, knead it and make bread cakes." Abraham also ran to the herd and took a tender and choice calf and gave it to the servant, and he hurried to prepare it. He took curds and milk and the calf which he had prepared and placed it before them; and he was standing by them under the tree as they ate. Then they said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "There, in the tent." He said, "I will surely return to you at this time next year; and behold, Sarah your wife will have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door, which was behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; Sarah was past childbearing. Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have become old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?" And the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, saying, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, when I am so old?' Is anything too difficult for the LORD...?"

Other Scriptures

- Genesis 26:4
- Deuteronomy 14:21
- Mark 7:5,8-9
- Matthew 15:11
- John 14:6
- Romans 8:37

Main Points

- In Hebrew, El Shaddai means God Almighty.
- If you lost everything, you would still have the Lord and knowing that will set you free.
- One of the strictest rules of keeping kosher in Orthodox Judaism is never have a meal where milk and meat are served together.
- Talmud: a written account and commentary on Jewish oral law.
- LORD in English is YHWH, pronounced Yud Hei Vav Hei in Hebrew. (Yahweh)

Discussion Questions

1. Rabbi discussed the fear we many times experience in our lives. What causes fear, and what will help to relieve these fears? As Rabbi prayed for you, did you notice any breakthroughs?
2. Why did Rabbi say the men who appeared to Abraham were not just ordinary men? How does verse 13 of Genesis 18 help us understand this important distinction and moment in Abraham's life?
3. How did Rabbi help us understand God's stipulation in Deuteronomy 14:21? What was God's message and how did it become obscured later? Compare Mark 7:5-9 What was Jesus saying here?
4. Rabbi said that there are things the orthodox Jewish community has very right. What are practical areas Rabbi mentioned? He said they missed some things as well. What is the most important thing they have missed?
5. When you consider the lives of Abraham and Sarah and the words of Scripture in Genesis concerning the absolute miracle God promised and then fulfilled, how does this minister to your life and circumstances? Is anything too hard for Him?